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IN RE APPLICATION OF
WOLFGANG STAMPFER ET AL

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FOR: ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASES WITH
INCREASED SOLVENT AND
TEMPERATURE STABILITY

Group Art Unit: 1652

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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

Birgit Kosjek, the undersigned, states:

That I received a Magistra rerum naturalium degree in Chemistry from the Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria on October, 18, 1999.

That I received a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria on January, 17, 2003.

That I have been employed by Merck & Co., Inc., NJ, USA, since February 2003.


That I have approximately 8 years of chemical/biological research and development experience; that from February 2000 to January 2003 I have worked in the Research and Development laboratories of the Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria, for my PhD thesis;

That I invented the subject matter disclosed in Angewandte Chemie International Edition, 2002, Volume 41, Issue 6, pages 1014-1017 pertaining to the preparative scale biocatalytic oxidation of

secondary alcohols employing whole cells of *Rhodococcus ruber* DSM 44541 as the biocatalyst and acetone as a cosolvent; and

That the inventorship of the instant application is correct.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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